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Entitled: **Methods of Optimizing Antibody Variable Region Binding Affinity**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY  
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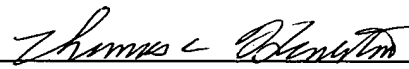
Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Notice Of Incomplete Reply (return copy attached below) mailed on May 20, 2002. This response is filed pursuant to a USPTO-authorized 37 C.F.R. § 1.135(c) 30 day extension referring to the Notice Of Missing Parts mailed on November 16, 2001 and is therefore timely.

The previously filed amendment to the Abstract in Applicants' Preliminary Amendment dated April 16, 2002 is now attached on a separate page appearing below in Appendix I.

The Applicants do not believe additional extension fees are required, however, if necessary, please charge Account No. **08-1290**.

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 04/25/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 11/16/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

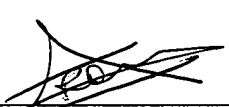
A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

  
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